

Questions and Answers during Advertisement for
CA-NV NPS-PWR-PRES 2(09), Pavement Preservation
Death Valley, Joshua Tree, and Lake Mead National Parks

October 8, 2009

Q1 - In regards to solicitation # DTFH68-09-B-00039, CA/NV NPS-PWR-PRES-2(09), there is a mistake that was not addressed in amendment # 1. According to the summary sheet for OPTION X- Lake Mead National Recreation Area- Mohave, AZ and Clark, NV Counties, bid item # 63401-1500 is described as "Pavement Markings, Type H, Solid, however on the same page below, the application rate is for waterborne paint- not thermoplastic, which is Type H. Also, on the bid schedule this item is listed as Type H as well. Please clarify if this item is supposed to be Waterborne Paint (as the other areas are on this project), or please correct the Application Rate for that bid item on OPTION X. Thank you, I appreciate any assistance you may offer regarding this matter.

A1 - You are correct. We will try to get an amendment out tomorrow to correct this but know that the rate on the plans is incorrect and contractors should refer to the specifications (SCRs).

October 7, 2009

Q1 - What is the post sweeping requirement for the chip seal portion of this project? Can we use kick brooms to kick loose chips to the shoulder? Or is the contractor required to use pick up brooms to pick up all loose chips and then haul chips out of the parks?

A1 - We will require the excess chips to be picked up.

October 6, 2009

Q1 - In the bid schedule for JOTR(Joshua Tree the quantities for crack seal is 16 miles. The summary tabulation sheet Option W only calls for a total of 1 mile of crack sealant. What is the correct amount 1 mile or 16 miles?

A1 - Refer to amendment 1. Summary tab sheet for Option W was corrected.

Q2 - If the crack sealant for JOTR is 16 miles could the locations and the quantities (miles) be disclosed?

A2 - Refer to amendment 1. It gives the routes that will be crack sealed. Then use the RIP data.

Q3 - Section 156 Public Safety will any roads be closed while under construction?

A3 - Refer to Section 108 of the SCRs.

Q4 - Will excess materials (chips) be able to be swept to the edge of the roadway, or will they be required to be removed from the project? Previous chip seals swept chips to the shoulder at Death Valley, Joshua Tree and Lake Mead. Will the contractor be required to pick up chips from previous chip seals?

A4 - We will pick up the excess chips from this project. We do not pick up the chips from the previous projects.

September 24, 2009

Q8 - Another problem in the Summary Tabulation Sheet for Lake Mead there are the following Roads and Areas that are supposed to be in the Joshua Tree Summary Tab:

- Rte-203ZZ Jumbo Rocks Campground Loops
- Rte 204 Cottonwood Springs Rd.
- Rte 204 Pullouts
- Rte 211 Sheep Pass Campground Entrance
- Rte 213 49 Palms Oasis Access Rd.
- Rte 908 Cottonwood Springs Oasis Parking

Q8 - An amendment will be issued mid week next week to correct the discrepancies.

Q7- For Option Y, where does the PM begin and also on Lake Mead for Pinto Basin Rd.

A7 - Pinto Basin Road is in Joshua Tree National Park: It is Route 11, Road Inventory of Joshua Tree National Park, sheets 3-2 through 3-6, and 5-1& 5-2, and 5-6 through 5-8. Milepost 0 is at the north end and MP 35.6 is at the south end.

Death Valley: Under Option Y, for Route 15 Badwater Road the Sheet A2 is in conflict with Sheet B7. Sheet B7 is correct for miles and quantities. Note for Sheet B7, the whole route will be paint striped under the columns labeled 63404-0200 Double Yellow Lines & 63404-0200 Edge Lines White Lines. Only Milepost 16 to 32 &

Milepost 55 to 56.28 will receive a chip seal under column labeled 40910-0300 Surface Treatment Designation 1C. The total quantity matches Sheet B2 Summary of Planned Quantities Option Y. Milepost 0 is at the north end, intersection with CA - 190; milepost 56.28 is at the south end past Salsberry Pass towards the town of Shoshone.

An amendment will be issued mid week next week to correct the discrepancies.

Q6 - Is there any other way to get the RIP, it is going to take 15 hours to download?

A6 - In checking with the IT Department, you can access our internal FTP site to download these files. Requests for the site access should be sent to CFLContracts@fhwa.dot.gov if you have an FTP Client. Discs will be issued upon request.

Q5 - Also, for Joshua Tree Portion on Option W, Summary Tabulation Sheet, for Route 11(Pinto Basin Rd.), it says from mile 0 to 7.55 and mile 29.7 to 35.6 but on the map, the entire road is highlighted, clarification is needed.

- Route 101, Barker Dam Rd., not on Map.
- Route 203AZ and 203ZZ, Jumbo Rocks, not on Map
- Route 919 is shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 924 A-J shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 212 A-F shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 207A shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 400 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 901 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 205 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 206 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 904 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 905 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 216B shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 406 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet
- Route 200 shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet

A5 - Several of these routes are not part of this solicitation although they are still shown on the map(s). We are doing different phases of work at different times, and although it might be confusing, the erroneous routes can not easily be excluded from the current solicitation.

That being said, please bid the quantities that are shown on the bid schedule and disregard anything additional on the map that does not appear in the bid schedule quantities.

Again, the maps in the Road Inventory Data Reports are more legible than that in the black and whites of the solicitation so please refer to the RIP data for more clear detailing.

For Routes 101 and 203, please refer to the sheet number in the RIP book which should give the contractor a better visual image. The design quantities are pulled from the RIP data so the contractor should look at the RIP.

- Route 101, Barker Dam Rd., not on Map. In RIP; appears on sheets 3-2 & 5-17.
- Route 203AZ and 203ZZ, Jumbo Rocks, not on Map. In RIP; appears on sheets 3-2 & 5-18 through 5-25
- Route 919 is shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet Not part of the project
- Route 924A-J shown on Map, not on Tab Sheet Not part of the project
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Q4 - Requesting Clarification on 52.222-23, Is this requirement for employees of Contractor and Subcontractors or for Minority Subcontractors to be used?

A4 - The requirement is for the Contractor.

Q3 - The Lake Mead Plans are also missing Area Map Sheets 1,2,4,7,9.

A3 - These area maps are not applicable for the work required in this solicitation. We are doing different phases of work at different times.

Q2 -Also for Option Z, can I get a better map or description of roads to receive Chip Seal Treatment, the map is so small and hard to understand.

A2 - You can access our internal FTP site to download these files. Requests for the site access should be sent to CFLContracts@fhwa.dot.gov

Q1 - For Option Y in Death Valley, Badwater Rd. as it is mapped in the specs is almost 60 miles long, the quantity in the bid is only 26 miles. I am not sure which one is correct and if the quantity is correct, then I would like to know where the start and stopping points are.

A1 - The quantity is actually 18Go with the 26 miles that were listed in the bid quantities. The missing maps are a result of the above as well.

September 24, 2009

Q1 - Page A-1 of the solicitation which is Standard Form 1442 in Box 10 reads, "CONSTRUCTION OF CA/NV NPS-PWR-PRES-1(O9) GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK". The project number and name are incorrect. Will this be amended?

A1 - You are correct, the referenced project name is incorrect. An amendment will be issued next week.

August 19, 2009

Q1 - Is there any chance that this solicitation will come out as a set-aside for SDVOSB contractors?

A1 - We conducted a sources sought to find interest from HUBZone and SDVO SBCs but did not get any responses therefore this project will be advertised unrestricted.

August 18, 2009

Q1 - Is this going to be an 8(a) set aside?

A1 - This project will be advertised unrestricted. Because it is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), we are not authorized to sole source to 8(a) firms.

Your firm is still eligible to bid under the full and open competition.
